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SUBJECT: JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION MISSION ON FISHERIES ISSUE

REF: A. TOKYO 8538 B. STATE 145357

1. JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION (KAIIN) INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR KIHATA TOLD LABATT JULY 15 THAT KAIIN DECIDED TO SEND DELEGATION TO U.S. TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS ON US 200 MILE FISHING ZONE AND HAS WRITTEN SEAFARER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION (SIU) FOR HELP IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS. GROUP WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT AS YET NO ANSWER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM SIU.

2. COMMENT: AS WE NOTED IN REF. A, KAIIN MISSION TO U.S. IS IN OUR INTEREST NOT ONLY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR TIES WITH UNION WHOSE LEADERSHIP TRYING TO RESIST COMMUNIST PENETRATION BUT ALSO BECAUSE OUR ESTABLISHMENT OF EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE IS RAPIDLY MAKING FISHERIES MAJOR ISSUE IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS. CLEAR EXPLANATION OF OUR POSITION TO KAIIN DELEGATION MAY HELP IMPROVE JAPAN'S UNDERSTANDING, IF NOT ACCEPTANCE, OF REASONS BEHIND LEGISLATION. THEREFORE, WE HOPE THAT SIU CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO RECEIVE DELEGATION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PASS ANY MESSAGE FROM SIU TO KIHATA ON INFORMAL BASIS.
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